# ITS Operations & Maintenance Manual:

Progress Report

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What is it?



Well, it's an "Operations and Maintenance Manual"!!!

Seriously, it's the culmination of a long standing effort to document NC's ITS Operations procedures.



- Goals
  - Improve standardization of practices
  - Document what people are doing
  - Document acceptable levels of performance
  - Improve recovery of costs
  - Give smaller Divisional operations a "roadmap"
  - Help folks be proactive, not reactive



Target audience



- Division Traffic Engrs and staff
- Division Ops Engrs and staff
- IMAP and IM staff
- TMC Engrs and staff
- Maintenance Engrs and staff



- Careful, there's lots going on!
  - NC SmartLink RFP
  - Statewide TOC
  - ITS Performance Measures
  - IT/Web initiatives (virtualagility)
  - WebCapture
  - Feasibility Study for ITS Devices

(ITS Planning)











- How to make relevant to TMC's and rural Divisions?
- Regional and Division differences in..
  - Staffing, Procedures, Equipment, Traffic
- Satisfy both "techies" and "techno-phobes"
- Web docs must be ADA compliant!



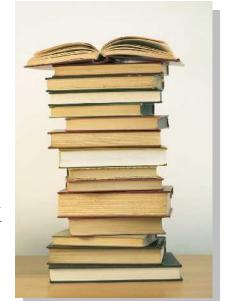
Don't re-invent the wheel!



- Signals O&M Practices Report
- DOT Construction Manual
- Manufacturer's documents
- Purchasing Manual
- Device special provisions
- Others ???



- Some documents consulted:
  - FHWA Freeway and Operations
     Management Handbook; Handbook
     for TMC Operations
  - SunGuide (FL) various docs
  - OOCEA/D5 RTMC (Orlando)
  - TransGuide materials (San Antonio)
  - NaviGAtor Case Study
  - NJ/NY ITS Operations Support Plan
  - MRTMC Ops Manual
  - Existing outline prepared by ITS Ops staff





### Process

- Kick-off Meeting
- "Magical Mystery Tour"
- Best Practices Research
- Draft Manual
- Business Process Analysis
- Final Manual
- Training
- Configuration Management





- Structure
  - Major Sections for:
    - Division Operations
    - TMC Operations
    - Maintenance
    - Incident Management/IMAP
    - Coordination and Communication
  - Appendices for:
    - Division-specific information
    - Manufacturer-specific information
  - Links for:
    - Internal navigation
    - Stuff on Web and internal (like TEPPL)





- Structure (cont.)
  - Division Operations and Planning includes:
    - ITS Planning
    - ITS Staffing Considerations
    - ITS Training
    - ITS Facility Maintenance
    - ITS Operations Management
    - Contract Management
    - Purchasing
    - Budgeting and Funding
    - Construction Inspection & Project Acceptance







- Structure (cont.)
  - TMC Operations includes:
    - Work Scheduling
    - Daily Operations
    - ITS Device Operations
    - Communications & Coordination
    - Facilities Management





- Structure (cont.)
  - Maintenance includes, for each device:
    - Maintenance Scheduling
    - PM, RM & EM
       Checklists/Procedures
    - Emergency Restoration
       Supplies
    - Manufacturer's Recommendations
    - Troubleshooting Tips





- Structure (cont.)
  - Appendix includes:
    - Contact lists

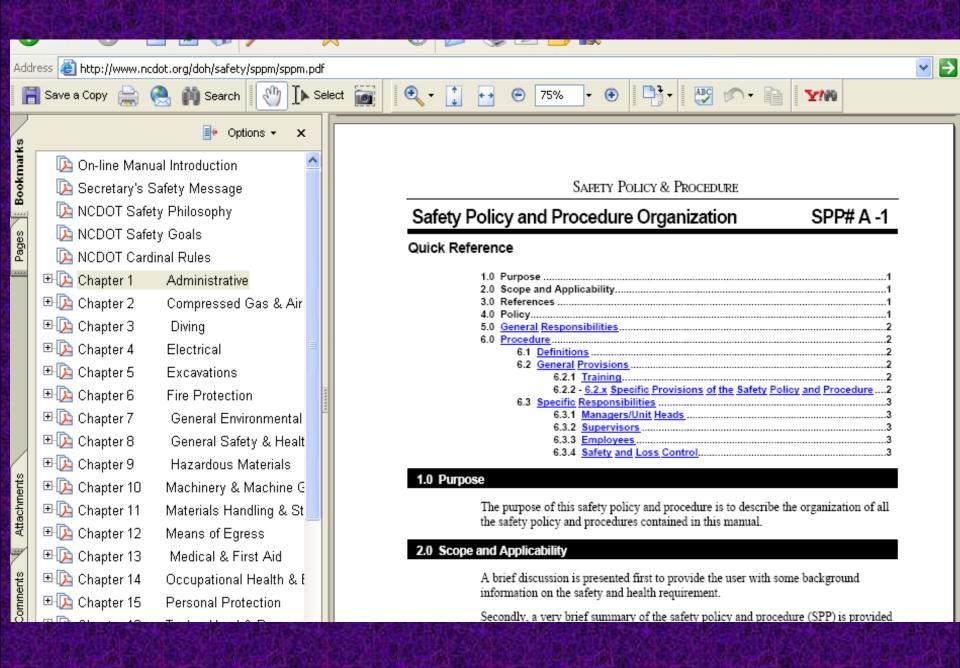
Revision history

- Official use policies
- Sample contracts
- Media and MOU agreements
- Manufacturer contacts and web sites
- Links to reference docs (or the docs them

ITS Strategic Deployment: Contacts  ITS Contacts		
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- What will it look like?
  - A set of hot-linked PDF's
  - Compartmentalized so you can chop off what you want
  - Will not require 24/7/365 Web access





- Where are we?  $\sim 75\%$  Draft
- What we still need...
  - Complete knowledge base of existing field systems
  - More troubleshooting tips
  - Information on TMC equipment
  - Assistance and coordination from State IT and DOT webmaster



- How can this effort help <u>you</u>?
  - Justify positions or proper classification of staff
  - Provide "one-stop shopping" for documents
    - Templates
    - Checklists
    - Contacts
    - Procurement/Purchasing
  - Provide path for growth
  - Training tool





- Parting thoughts....
  - Discussion List/Bulletin Board for Maintenance folks?
  - PDA-based Manual?
  - Manual access from devices themselves



# Questions?





A newer challenge:

Incident Management and IMAP Manual







## IM Roundtable Talking Points

- What is the worst type of incident you have to deal with, in terms of <u>frequency?</u>
- What is the worst type of incident you have had to deal with, in terms of severity?
- Should we be focusing on the most severe type of incidents or the most frequent?
- What are your 3 biggest challenges in clearing incidents? (Can be internal or external to DOT)
- Have you employed any unique or unorthodox tactic that has been effective in clearing incidents?

# Intelligent Transportation Systems

